GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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SPECIAL COURTS FOR SEX RELATED CRIMES
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any contingency plan and constitute special courts to tackle the increasing incidence of sex-related crimes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which necessary amendments are likely to be made in the existing laws; and

(d) if not, the remedial measures taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)to(d): There is no proposal, at present, under consideration of the Government to constitute special courts to tackle the increasing cases of sex related crimes. Government proposes to set up 1734 additional courts in the country which, inter alia, will also dispose of pending cases including the sex-related cases.

Apart from sexual offences specified in the Indian Penal Code, there are many other laws like Immoral Traffic (Prevention)Act, 1956, Indecent Representation of Women Act 1986 etc. which relate to sex-related offences. As far as Indian Penal Code, 1860 is concerned, sections 354, 376, 377, 509 etc. of the IPC, 1860, providefor punishment for sex-related offences. Ministry of Home Affairs have informed that amendments of laws are a continuous process and as such no time limit can be prescribed for carrying out amendments to the laws.